

Church News.

WESTERN NOTES.

On May 20, we boarded the train for Nickerson, Reno Co. Kan., to spend a few days in church work with our esteemed brother, J. W. Beer. Eight years had almost elapsed since we had visited that section of our state. Many changes had taken place in that time. Some with whom we formed pleasant associations at that time had passed away. Others who were then active workers, have ceased to be lights in Christ's vineyard. While some have entirely backslidden and become worldly. Indeed some very unpleasant things have transpired but we are happy to say, Brother Beer seems to be steadfast and hopeful. Two of his children were baptized and received into full connection by consecration. I hope they may be faithful until death, and receive a crown of life. From here we went to Stafford Co. Kansas, near Seward, the home of our beloved Brother Paxton. This was an agreeable surprise to us. We used to associate with Brother Paxton early in the eighties in the G. B. church, but the unjust rulings of that body forced him to seek a more congenial home. Here we held a love feast with the little band of believers. They are only eight in number, but a more faithful little company we have seldom found. They are earnest and command the respect of all. The services were held in an M. E. church in Seward. Owing to the inclement weather on the evening of the feast, and the limited publication of the meeting, the attendance was not large. But the meeting was a spiritual one, and one we shall long remember. We tried to preach Christ to them on Sunday, and Sunday evening following the feast. And on Monday, June 1, we were conveyed by Brother Paxton to Great Bend, and returned to Nickerson. Held a parting meeting with the brethren and friends at a schoolhouse in Rice Co., north of Nickerson, where we held a meeting eight years ago. The next morning, June 4, we took our leave accompanying Brother Beer to Hutchinson, by private conveyance. To us this was very pleasant. It afforded us opportunity of viewing the country and looking over the immense fields of growing corn and the vast amount cribbed up, of last year's crop. At Hutchinson, we took the train for home. Reached home in evening of same day, found all well, except a little grandson, who was suffering from an attack of cholera infantum, but thank God, he is recovering again. After a few day's rest, we went to Fairview, Neosho Co., Kans.,

to attend a feast with the brethren at that place. Services commenced at 3 o'clock P. M. on the 13th inst. After the opening service an invitation was given and two responded to the call, and were baptized and confirmed before the feast. A deacon was elected and installed also at this meeting. The lot fell upon our beloved brother Hamilton, whom we believe feels the responsibility of the position, and will make in our opinion, an earnest, enthusiastic worker in the Lord's vineyard.

This little congregation is without a pastor, but are negotiating for one, and it is to be hoped that they may secure one soon. They have a very comfortable house, free from debt, the only Brethren church in all South-eastern Kansas. The work of the churches in this section is moving along slowly, with little friction. Two of our members have been drawn away by the Seventh Day Advent delusion and three have taken out letters. Yet notwithstanding, our gains exceed our losses, and we take courage. Pray for us. We do not know that we shall be able to attend conference this year, but pray Almighty God to direct all its deliberations.

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NOTES FROM THE WORKSHOP.

AUBURN.—Since our last report we have had some spiritual seasons. Over our last appointment at Auburn, Ind. we assisted the church in equipping herself for greater usefulness. A permanent organization was effected. Officers are as follows:

Trustees,—Henry Mason, William Imler and Charles Simons.

Deacons,—Wm. Mason, D. S. Grogg, Thomas Wiseman.

Treasurer,—John Grube.

Secretary,—Calvin Grube.

One young lady was baptized, thus one more was added to the fold. The good work continues. The church is contemplating a meeting near our class, with the hope of enlarging her borders. We believe the field is a good one, and if all goes well may have more to say about it in the future. The communion was well attended. All felt the spiritual benefit by thus engaging in the noble commands.

ROANOKE.—So far we are right side up, and are trying to keep that way. We have encouragement to press on. At the last appointment we baptized a young lady and in the evening she had the pleasure of communing for the first time. We had a happy meeting, a soul-cheering feast. About sixty commemorated the death of Jesus our Lord. The class reorganized the Sunday-school. All is in working order. Saturday evening, June

27, the society held a social at the home of brother Levi Smith for the benefit of the church, and cleared some fifteen dollars, or more.

Our Annual Harvest meeting which convenes in August next, is already looked forward to as a day of thanksgiving and worship. We have a partial promise of Governor C. Matthews being with us. At any rate he just writes me, "If I cannot possibly get there, I assure you, my heart, and good wishes will be with you."

Harvesting is on the wing here. While the wheat crop is a failure in places, yet the good and bountiful Giver has given us good prospects for other things.

I almost forgot to report the Anniversary meeting in the Roanoke church on last Wednesday evening. The class celebrated its 3rd birthday. The evening was spent after the following manner. Previous to this meeting a program was prepared as follows.

1. Why I am a Member of the Brethren Church, by brother James Young.
2. The Mission of the Church, by brother J. M. Keefer.
3. What Can the Sisters do in the Church? by sister Florence Young.
4. Is Our Creed (the New Testament,) Sufficient? by brother Smith Young.
5. The Necessary Qualifications of a Class Leader, by brother J. M. Wohlfort.
6. My Experience as Sunday-school Superintendent, by brother Geo. Schoff.
7. The Biography of the Class, by Pastor, J. H. Palmer.
8. The Duty of all Church Members, by brother Levi Smith.
9. How Get More Spirit Into the Work, by Rev. D. H. Palmer.

The speeches were limited to ten minutes and I need not say that we had a feast. It was a spiritual banquet. Thus we keep the colors in the breeze while the consecrated column marches on to victory.

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KOSCIUSCO COUNTY UNION MEETING.

The Kosciusco Co., Union Meeting convened at Sidney, June 27, 28, 1896.

The meeting was called to order by brother Fox, pastor of the Sidney church.

G. W. Rensch led the devotions.

Rev. Fox then delivered the address of welcome which was responded to by Rev. D. C. Hopkins.

The churches represented then reported their condition and outlook, and also the Sunday-schools, S. S. C. E., K. C. of C. E. and other organizations. The reports showed flourishing conditions everywhere.

The advisability of regular union meet-